

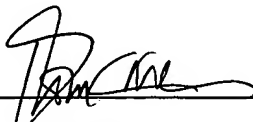
REMARKS

Claims 14-27 are pending in the application. Claims 1-13 are canceled and claims 14-27 are introduced primarily to provide claims in conventional U.S. format, and are believed and intended to be commensurate with the scope of the initially filed claims, or broader. Consequently, new claims 14-27 do not constitute any surrender of subject matter with respect to the initially filed claims, nor do such new claims constitute narrowing amendments or amendments made for reasons related to patentability. Consideration of the application is respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner feel that a telephone interview would be helpful to facilitate favorable prosecution of the above-identified application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number provided below.

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Respectfully submitted,
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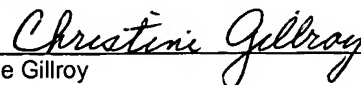
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